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A Hunting Horn

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A hunting horn,
Loud somewhere far away,
But faint here, mournful

All is dark and damp
Mossy trees, slick stones
Crumbling mushrooms

Again, but louder here: the horn
And the pulse quickens

If there was light,
The exhausted exhaust of breath
Could be seen raging
Into nothingness

But there is not.

So, in darkness,
While the path could be near,
Or far, or even underfoot,
The horn grows louder still